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## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph 122 on page 29, with the following amended paragraph.

The wet pulverization was performed by filling zirconia balls having a diameter of 10 mm in a ball mill pot by 30 % by volume of the ball mill pot capacity and a oxide slurry including a solid content of 25 % by 20 5 by volume thereof.

Please replace Table 1-1, spanning pages 41-42, with the following amended Table.

Table 1-1

|               |          |          | Carrier             |          |          |       |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------|
|               | Carrier  | Desorbed | $\sigma a/\sigma b$ | Weight-  | Number-  | D4/D1 |
|               | magneti- | carrier  | <del>Σa/σb</del>    | average  | average  |       |
|               | zation   | magneti- |                     | particle | particle |       |
|               | σb       | zation   |                     | diameter | diameter |       |
|               | (emu/g)  | σα       |                     | (D4)     | (D1)     |       |
|               |          | (emu/g)  |                     | (µm)     | (µm)     |       |
| Ex. 1         | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 2         | 70       | 65       | 0.93                | 35.8     | 30.5     | 1.2   |
| Ex. 3         | 52       | 51       | 0.98                | 36.4     | 33.0     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 4         | 69       | 66       | 0.96                | 34.7     | 33.9     | 1.0   |
| Ex. 5         | 54       | 52       | 0.96                | 37.2     | 35.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 6         | 65       | 62       | 0.95                | 39.4     | 30.7     | 1.3   |
| Ex. 7         | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 8         | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 9         | 65       | 62       | 0.95                | 36.7     | 35.1     | 1.0   |
| Ex. 10        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 35.9     | 34.4     | 1.0   |
| Ex. 11        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 12        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 13        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 14        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 15        | 70       | 65       | 0.93                | 35.8     | 30.5     | 1.2   |
| Ex. 16        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| ·Ex. 17       | 54       | 52       | 0.96                | 37.2     | 35.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 18        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 19        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 20        | 65       | 63       | 0.97                | 36.5     | 34.3     | 1.1   |
| Com.          | 65       | 54       | 0.83                | 36.7     | 35.1     | 1.0   |
| Ex. 1         |          |          |                     |          |          |       |
| Com.          | 78       | 76       | 0.97                | 37.3     | 33.5     | 1.1   |
| Ex. 2         |          |          |                     |          |          |       |
| Com.<br>Ex. 3 | 50       | 49       | 0.98                | 34.9     | 32.1     | 1.1   |

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| Com.<br>Ex. 4  | 73 | 70 | 0.96 | 39.6 | 37.9 | 1.0 |
|----------------|----|----|------|------|------|-----|
| Com.<br>Ex. 5  | 44 | 42 | 0.95 | 36.2 | 33.9 | 1.1 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 6  | 65 | 64 | 0.98 | 24.8 | 24.5 | 1.0 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 7  | 65 | 63 | 0.97 | 67.0 | 62.4 | 1.1 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 8  | 65 | 61 | 0.94 | 34.2 | 32.5 | 1.1 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 9  | 65 | 62 | 0.95 | 38.4 | 27.9 | 1.4 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 10 | 65 | 63 | 0.97 | 36.5 | 34.3 | 1.1 |
| Com.<br>Ex. 11 | 65 | 63 | 0.97 | 36.5 | 34.3 | 1.1 |